

GC3 Planning Process Phase 2

Governor's Council on Climate Change
Council Meeting
September 20, 2021



GC3 Background and Objectives

In September 2019, Governor Lamont rejuvenated the GC3 through Executive Order 3, expanded its scope to include climate change adaptation, and tasked the Council with two primary objectives:

1. Monitor and report on the state's implementation of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategies set forth in the GC3's December 2018 recommendations report.
2. Develop and implement adaptation strategies to assess and prepare for the impacts of climate change in areas such as infrastructure, agriculture, natural resources, and public health.





Taking Action on Climate Change and Building a More Resilient Connecticut for All

GC3 Governor's Council
on Climate Change

Phase 1 Report: Near-Term Actions
January 2021



Phase 2 Process from January 2021 Report

- *As discussed in the GC3 Phase 1 January 2021 report, Phase 2 will include the following elements:*
 1. *longer-term recommendations to begin implementation in 2022 or later;*
 2. *updates or progress towards any of the recommendations included in the Phase 1 report;*
 3. *the framework for the inventory of vulnerable assets operations; and*
 4. *the report from state agencies on adaptation strategies in their planning processes required under Objective 2*
 5. *A robust public participation and engagement process specifically targeting feedback from environmental justice communities.*



Phase 2 Element #1

1) longer-term recommendations to begin implementation in 2022 or later;

- GC3 will continue updates on mitigation strategies and work on adaptation and resilience strategies will need to continue through at least **December 31, 2022**
 - EO3 allows for annual reporting on mitigation strategies
 - Ongoing impact of pandemic on community engagement
 - Change in federal administration = large increase in federal engagement
 - Ongoing legislative work following from 2021 session



Phase 2 Element #1

1) longer-term recommendations to begin implementation in 2022 or later;

- Phase 1 report included many multi-year actions
 - **Deliverables.** Tracking actions currently NOT ACTIVE or IN PROGRESS in the GC3 progress tracker (See #2 below), including legislative proposals
- Review of recommendations from GC3 Working Groups not included in the Phase 1 report.
 - **Deliverables.** Council will review list of recommendations not included in the Phase 1 report.



Phase 2 Element #2

2) updates or progress towards any of the recommendations included in the Phase 1 report;

- Office of Climate Planning will update spreadsheet tracker with progress on all recommendations within state agencies, including summary of legislation passed or pending.
 - **Deliverables.** Tracking spreadsheet updated quarterly.

Recommendation No.	Short Title	Recommendations	ACTIVE or NOT ACTIVE	Active Status: In Progress or Complete	Progress Notes
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Phase 2 Element #3

3) the framework for the inventory of vulnerable assets operations;

Establish a framework, in consultation with the state's Chief Data Officer and in coordination with CIRCA's ongoing vulnerability assessment, for state agencies to compile and maintain an inventory of vulnerable assets and operations



Phase 2 Element #3

Co-Chair Agencies: DEMHS, DOT, DAS and OPM w/ admin support from DEEP

- Draft framework elements:
 - vulnerability assessment checklist for state agencies
 - datasets available for use by state agencies to inventory assets
 - tools available to assess vulnerability from impacts of climate change.
 - recommendations for how state agencies can implement the framework

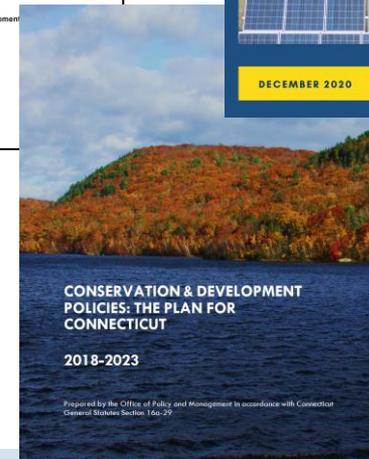
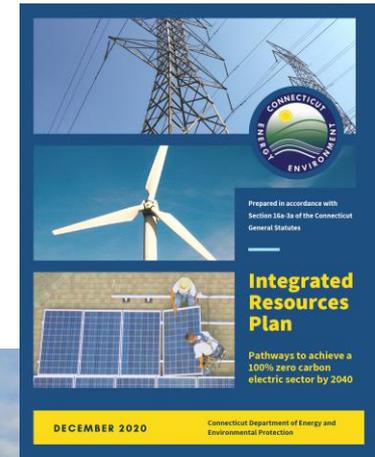
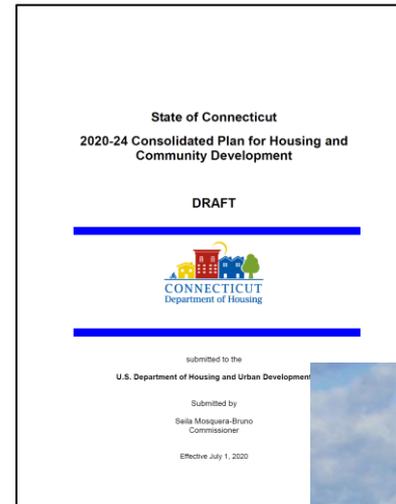


Phase 2 Element #4

4) the report from state agencies on adaptation strategies in their planning processes required under Objective 2;

Compile a comprehensive State Agency Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency report on the alignment of climate change adaptation strategies incorporated into each state agency's relevant planning processes and documents, including, but not limited to:

- i. The Integrated Resources Plan
- ii. Forest Action Plan
- iii. Wildlife Action Plan
- iv. Green Plan
- v. State Water Plan
- vi. Coordinating Water Systems
- vii. Statewide Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
- viii. State Building Code
- ix. State Plan of Conservation and Development
- x. Housing and Community Development Plan
- xi. Five-Year Capital Program for All Modes of Transportation

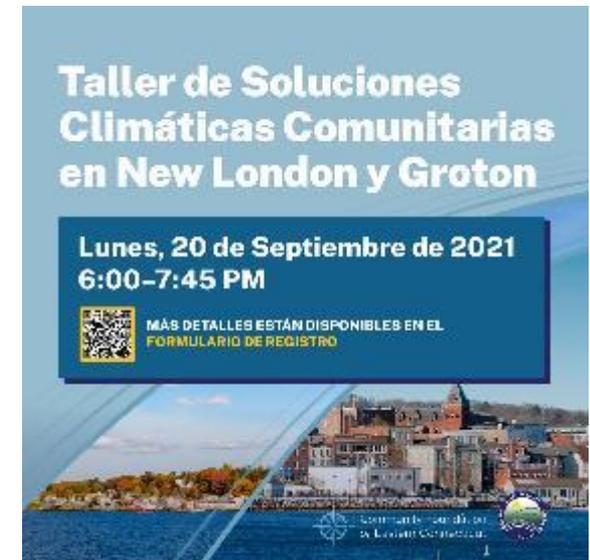
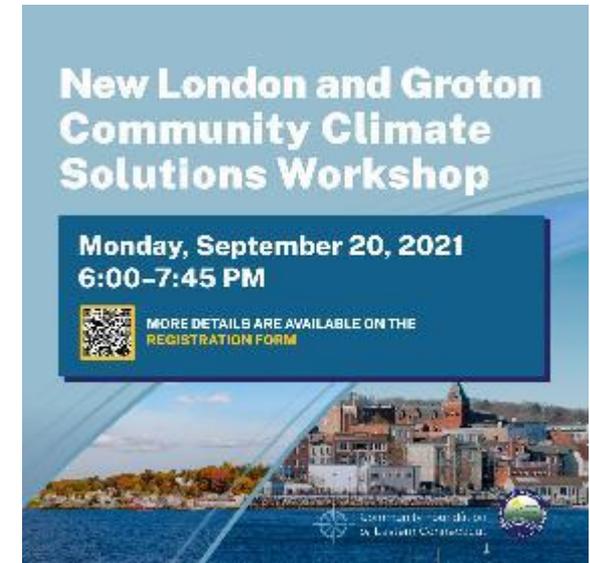


Phase 2 Element #5

5) A robust public participation and engagement process specifically targeting feedback from environmental justice communities;

Current Activities

- Focus groups in Hartford, Bridgeport and New Haven (Spring 2021)
- Office of Climate Planning New London and Groton workshop (9/20/21)
- Launch Environmental Justice Mapping Tool (Fall 2021)
- GC3 Policy Implementation proceedings (E3; STEPs)



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Deliverables:

- Progress tracker spreadsheet update w/ activities
- Focus Group report posted on GC3 website
- Agenda, minutes, from workshop on GC3 website

